

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) An information delivery method for delivering document information that ~~fulfill~~ fulfills a previously set delivery condition, comprising the steps of:

delivering said document information in accordance with said delivery condition;

storing said delivered document information;  
if an evaluation by a user indicating that said delivered document information is unfit to ~~said delivery condition~~ is received, extracting characteristic character strings from the evaluated document information, which includes at least one first document;

by using the extracted characteristic character strings, retrieving ~~a document~~ at least one second document similar to the at least one first document evaluated as unfit from the stored ~~documents~~ document information; and

presenting the retrieved at least one second document and the evaluated at least one first document.

2. (currently amended) An information delivery method according to claim 1, wherein the retrieval is done for ~~the documents~~ documents excluding the ~~documents~~

at least one first document evaluated as unfit by a user to which said documents ~~were~~ document information was delivered among from the stored document information.

3. (currently amended) An information delivery method according to claim 1, wherein the retrieval is done for ~~the documents~~ documents evaluated as fit by a user to which said ~~documents were~~ document information was delivered among from the stored document information.

4. (currently amended) An information delivery method according to claim 1, said method further comprising the steps of:

~~calculating~~ calculating the degree of similarity between the retrieved document information and the evaluated document information; and

if the degree of similarity is higher than a predetermined value, presenting the retrieved at least one second document.

5. (currently amended) An information delivery method according to claim 4, said method further comprising the steps of:

extracting characteristic character strings from the retrieved at least one second document whose degree of similarity is higher than the predetermined value;

presenting ~~these~~ the extracted characteristic character strings from the retrieved at least one second document and the characteristic character strings extracted from the evaluated ~~documents~~ at least one first document; and

presenting information based on the presented characteristic character strings to help decide whether or not to accept that ~~the documents~~ documents whose degree of similarity is higher than the predetermined value will not be delivered.

6. (currently amended) An information delivery method according to claim 4, wherein said delivery condition includes an unfitness profile, which is a condition under which a document unfit for delivery is retrieved, said method further comprising the steps of:

if information indicating that it is accepted that said at least one second document whose degree of similarity is higher than the predetermined value will not be delivered is received, adding the characteristic character strings included in said at least one second document and the characteristic character strings included in the evaluated at least one first document to the unfitness profile; and

if information indicating that it is not accepted that said document whose degree of similarity is higher than the predetermined value will not be delivered is received, adding the characteristic character strings not included in said at least one second document but included in the evaluated at least one first document to the unfitness profile.

7. (currently amended) An information delivery method for delivering document information to a user which ~~fulfill~~ fulfills a delivery condition set previously by the user, comprising the steps of:

delivering the document information, which includes documents;

storing the delivered documents;

if a request to change the delivery condition is received, changing the delivery condition according to the change request;

searching the stored documents according to the changed delivery condition;

and

of the searched documents, presenting ~~a document~~ documents that ~~does do~~ not fulfill the changed delivery condition.

8. (currently amended) An information delivery method according to claim 7, ~~wherein,~~ said method further comprising the steps of:

presenting information to help decide whether or not to accept that the presented ~~document~~ documents will not be delivered;

if it is accepted that the presented ~~document~~ documents will not be delivered, storing ~~the~~ a new delivery condition set according to said change request; and

if it is not accepted that the presented ~~document~~ documents will not be delivered, ~~cancelling~~ canceling the change of the delivery condition according to said change request.

9. (currently amended) An information delivery method for delivering documents to a user which fulfill a delivery condition set ~~previously~~ by the user, comprising the steps of:

judging whether a document fulfills ~~the~~ a present delivery condition;

if it is judged that the document fulfills the present delivery condition,  
transmitting the document to the user who has set said present delivery condition;  
and

if said present delivery condition is set by changing ~~said a~~ previously set  
delivery condition, retrieving documents which fulfill the previously set delivery  
condition; and

of the retrieved documents which fulfill said previously set delivery condition,  
transmitting to the user a document that has not been delivered to the user.

10. (currently amended) An information delivery method according to claim 9,  
said method further comprising the step of transmitting to the user who has set said  
present delivery condition the documents that are not delivered to the user ~~among~~  
from the documents which fulfill said present delivery condition.

11. (original) An information delivery method according to claim 9, said  
method further comprising the step of presenting the documents that fulfill said  
present delivery condition and the documents that fulfill said previously set delivery  
condition to the user who has set said delivery condition.

12. (currently amended) An information delivery method according to Claim  
9, wherein:

said present delivery condition ~~includes and said previously set delivery~~  
condition each include a fitness profile, which is a condition under which a document

fit for delivery is retrieved, and an unfitness profile, which is a condition under which a document unfit for delivery is retrieved; and

to retrieve a document which fulfills said present delivery condition, the fitness profile included in said present delivery condition is used.

13. (original) An information delivery method according to claim 12, wherein to retrieve a document that fulfills said previously set delivery condition, the fitness profile and unfitness profile included in said previously set delivery condition are used.

14. (original) An information delivery method according to claim 11, said method further comprising the steps of:

based on said presented documents, presenting information to help decide whether or not to cancel the change of said previously set delivery condition to said present delivery condition; and

if information indicating that it is decided to cancel said change is received, setting said previously set delivery condition as the latest delivery condition.

15. (currently amended) An information delivery apparatus ~~delivering for~~ delivering document information which ~~fulfill~~ fulfills a previously set delivery condition, said apparatus comprising:

delivering means for delivering said document information in accordance with said delivery condition;

storage means for storing said delivered document information;

extracting means for extracting characteristic character strings from the ~~evaluated~~ document information evaluated by a user if an evaluation by the user indicating that said delivered document information is unfit to said delivery condition is received, wherein said document information evaluated by a user includes at least one first document;

retrieval means for retrieving a ~~an~~ at least one second document similar to the at least one first document evaluated as unfit from the ~~documents~~ document information stored in said storage means by using the characteristic character strings extracted by said extracting means; and

presentation means for presenting the at least one second document extracted by said retrieval means and the evaluated at least one first document.

16. (currently amended) An information delivery apparatus according to claim 15, further comprising:

calculation means for calculating the degree of similarity between the retrieved at least one second document ~~information~~ and the evaluated at least one first ~~document information~~, wherein said presentation means presents the retrieved at least one second document if the degree of similarity is higher than a predetermined value.

17. (currently amended) An information delivery apparatus according to claim 16, wherein:

said extracting means extracts characteristic character strings from the retrieved at least one second document whose degree of similarity is higher than the predetermined value; and

said presentation means presents not only the characteristic character strings extracted by said extracting means and the characteristic character strings included in the evaluated at least one first document but also information based on the presented characteristic character strings to help decide whether or not to accept that ~~the a~~ document whose degree of similarity is higher than the predetermined value will not be delivered.

18. (currently amended) An information delivery apparatus according to Claim 17, wherein said delivery condition includes an unfitness profile, which is a condition under which a document unfit for delivery is retrieved, said apparatus further comprising:

adding means for adding, if information indicating that it is accepted that said at least one second document whose degree of similarity is higher than the predetermined value will not be delivered is received, the characteristic character strings included in said at least one second document and the characteristic character strings included in said evaluated at least one first document to said unfitness profile ~~and; profile, and~~ for adding, if information indicating that it is not accepted that said at least one second document whose degree of similarity is higher than the predetermined value will not be delivered is received, the



characteristic character strings not included in said at least one second document but included in the evaluated at least one first document to said unfitness profile.

19. (currently amended) A computer program embodied in a computer readable storage medium and executed in an information delivery system for delivering document information which ~~fulfill~~fulfills a previously set delivery condition, said computer program comprising the steps of:

delivering the document information, which includes documents;

storing the delivered documents;

if a request to change the delivery condition is received, changing the delivery condition according to the change request;

searching the stored documents according to the changed delivery condition;

and

of the searched documents, presenting ~~a document~~documents that ~~does do~~ not fulfill the changed delivery condition.

20. (original) A computer program according to claim 19, further comprising the step of:

presenting information to help decide whether or not to accept that the presented documents will not be delivered;

if it is accepted that the presented documents will not be delivered, storing a new delivery condition set according to said change request; and

if it is not accepted that the presented documents will not be delivered,  
canceling the change of the delivery condition according to said change request.